

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Divisional Application Under
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application: T. MATSUO et al
Serial No. 09/469,627
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Group Art Unit: 1754
Examiner: E. Johnson
For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING
RADIOACTIVE LIQUID WASTES CONTAINING
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 28, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial
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IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice or disclaimer,
rewrite claims 9-10, and add new claims 11-13, as follows:

9. (Amended) A treating apparatus as defined in claim 7, wherein an alkali solution is added to said radioactive liquid waste.

10. (Amended) A treating apparatus as defined in claim 7, further comprising a means for removing a solid component contained in said radioactive liquid waste in which said organic substance is decomposed.

11. (New) A treating apparatus as defined in claim 8, wherein an alkali solution is added to said radioactive liquid waste.

12. (New) A treating apparatus as defined in claim 8, further comprising a means for removing a solid component contained in said radioactive liquid waste in which said organic substance is decomposed.

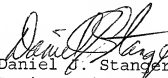
13. (New) A treating apparatus as defined in claim 9, further comprising a means for removing a solid component contained in said radioactive liquid waste in which said organic substance is decomposed.

REMARKS

The Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendments and new claims.

Claims 7-13 are pending.

Respectfully submitted,


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MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS

9. (Amended) A treating apparatus as defined in claim 7 [or 8], wherein an alkali solution is added to said radioactive liquid waste.

10. (Amended) A treating apparatus as defined in [any one of claims 7 to 9] claim 7, further comprising a means for removing a solid component contained in said radioactive liquid waste in which said organic substance is decomposed.